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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



Quedancor strengthens credit support for ARMM fisherfolk

During the blessing of the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp. (Quedancor) extension office in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Quedancor President and Chief Executive Officer Nelson C. Buenaflor (fourth from right) displayed his unwavering commitment to increase support for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) local fishery through the awarding of loan checks to self-reliant team (SRT) beneficiaries engaged in fishery projects. Photo shows Annaliza Aton (fourth from left) receiving the loan check in the amount of P95,000 from Mr. Buenaflor. Ms. Aton is a representative of one of the active SRT teams who find better means to improve income and livelihood through aquaculture cultivation in the region. Also in photo are (from left) Quedancor Region IX Assistant Vice-President Karl Vladimir Arbon, Mindanao Composite Office Vice-President Joselo Biton, Tawi-Tawi governor Sadikul Sahali, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) representative Christian Widman, and ARMM/Mindanao Business Council Chair Tony Santos.

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